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# ANSWERED "PRESENT"-3

Frank (MA) Scarborough Slaughter

### NOT VOTING-12

Brewster Graham Peterson (FL) Hall (OH) Chapman Stockman Gibbons McDade Weldon (PA)

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Mr.5 MURTHA changed his vote from 'yea'' to ''nay.

Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. ABER-CROMBIE changed their vote from 'nay'' to ''yea.''
Ms. SLAUGHTER changed her vote

from "yea" to "present."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the vote on passage of H.R. 3666. Had I been here, I would have voted in favor of final passage on the VA-HUD bill.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT HOUSE AND SENATE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 465 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

# H. RES. 465

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider in the House a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 1

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 465 provides for the consideration in the House of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period. All points of order are waived against the resolution and its consideration.

Because of the many open rules that have been granted by this Congress' Rules Committee—60 percent have been open or modified open-which have led to many vigorous but lengthy debates and amending processes on the floor, the House has not yet been able to complete action on all of the appropriations bills and reconciliation legislation. Therefore, while adjournment

resolutions are usually privileged, a rule is needed to waive the point of order that could be raised against the Fourth of July district work period resolution on the grounds that it violates sections 309 and 310(f) of the Budget Act. These sections prohibit the House of Representatives from adjourning for more than 3 days in July unless the House has completed action on all appropriations bills and any required reconciliation legislation.

In addition, it should be noted that adjournment resolutions are not debatable, and upon adoption of this rule, the House proceeds to a vote on the adjournment resolution itself without further debate.

Mr. Speaker, the House has completed as many of the appropriations bills as possible, and we are over halfway there. The House has approved the appropriations measures for military construction, foreign operations, Agriculture, Defense, Interior, and VA-HUD and tonight, we will work on the transportations bill, and the remaining appropriations and reconciliation measures are to be considered in a timely matter after next week. We have certainly made progress with the administration during this year's appropriations cycle over last year's process, and I am confident that the House will continue to make appropriate spending decisions after the Independence Day district work period.

Independence Day is a time to be back in our districts, celebrating the birth of this great Nation, and listening to what our constituents have to say about the issues that are important to them.

The Congress has very important spending decisions to make, with limited funds, and time spent in our districts listening to the priorities of our constituents will be very worthwhile. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is totally reasonable that the House return to our districts for the Independence Day work period, to reflect together with our constituents on the principles put forth by our Founding Fathers in 1776 that form the basis of our limited, representative Government.

I urge adoption of the resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make something perfectly clear, we are voting on this recess rule because, once again, the Republicans have not done their job.

This rule will waive provisions of law that require the Congress to get its work done before it recesses for July 4.

So, Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues barely managed to fulfill their responsibility last year and it looks like they might not get it done this year either.

Congress' primary responsibility is to pass 13 appropriations bills so that the Federal Government can function.